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1. WITH RESPECT TO THE SENATOR'S SCHEDULE, I TALKED ON AUGUST 19 WITH LUIS DE ALMEIDA, CHIEF OF INFORMATION SERVICES, ABOUT THE SENATOR'S DESIRE TO TALK WITH AGOSTINHO NETO. I SUGGESTED THE MORNING OF AUGUST 29 AS THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME. I ALSO ASKED FOR HIS HELP IN PUTTING TOGETHER A QUICK TRIP TO THE SLUMS TO SEE PEOPLES POWER IN ACTION. ALMEIDA CONFIRMED THAT SAME DAY AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE SENATOR WITH NETO AT 1000 HOURS OM AUGUST 29. I WILL HAVE TO TALK WITH MPLA NUMBER TWO LUCIO LARA ABOUT A TRIP TO SEE A PEOPLES POWEG ORGANIZATION.

2. WE HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS AT THE HOTEL TROPICO FOR THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 28. TWO SINGLES AND ONE DOUBLE HAVE BEEN

RESERVED. THE HOTEL DINING ROOM IS CLOSED BECAUSE OF LACK OF COOKING GAS, LACK OF PERSONNEL AND FOOD SHORTAGES. THE HOTEL SERVES ONE MEAL A DAY IN THE ROOMS. THE BETTER RESTAURANTS ARE STILL OPEN AND ALTHOUGH MENUS ARE LIMITED, VISITORS NEED NOT GO HUNGRY. AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE HOTEL I SUGGEST THE RESIDENCE WHERE THERE ARE THREE UNUSED BEDROOMS. WE HAVE A STAFF AND FOOD SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM.

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3. THERE IS GROWING TALK IN LUANDA OF CUTTING OFF THE

AIR LINKS WITH KINSHASA. MPLA OFFICIALS AS WELL
AS THE RANK AND FILE ARE DETERMINED NOT TO HAVE
ANYTHING TO DO WITH ZAIRE OR THE FNLA, AND ONE OF THE LAST
VESTIGES IN LUANDA OF THE ENEMY IS THE AIR ZAIRE PLANE
THAT COMES IN TWICE A WEEK. I SUSPECT THERE WILL BE
MORE AND MORE BOYCOTTS OF AIR ZAIRE'S PLANES BY
BAGGAGE HANDLERS AND OTHER GROUND PERSONNEL. TAAG
PROBABLY MAY DECIDE TO CANCEL THE FLIGHTS IN THE NEAR
FUTURE. IF THE AIR SERVICE IS CUT, THE SENATOR WILL BE ABLE
TO CHARTER A PLANE IN KINSHASA. THE FUEL CRISIS SHOULD
BE OVER SHORTLY, AS A TANKER IS DUE IN AUGUST 21 AND THE
REFINERY IS GOING BACK INTO PRODUCTION IN A FEW DAYO. WE
WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED OF THE SITUATION.

4. THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE LOOKS SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

AUGUST 28 - 1730 ARRIVE LUANDA

TO HOTEL, DINNER, BRIEFING WITH CONGEN PERSONNEL AT DINNER OR, TO RESIDENCE, DINNER AND BRIEFING.

AUGUST 29 - 0900 - CALL ON HIGH COMMISSIONER

1000 - APPOINTMENT WITH AGOSTINHO NETO

1130 - QUICK TOUR OF SLUMS TO SEE A PEOPLES POWER ORGANIZATION.

1300 - LUNCH

1430 - AIRPORT.

5. AS FOR TRANSPORTATION, WE HAVE ONLY A CHAUFFER/MESSENGER AND ONE CAR. IN THE PAST WE HAVE USED AN ENGLISH SPEAKING DRIVERHWITH HIS OWN MERCADES FOR VIP'S. HE HAS GIVEN GOOD SERVICE AND WE ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT IF HE IS STILL HERE.

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